

Illinois Crop Progress and Condition

Released August 31, 2015

Dry conditions with moderate temperatures allowed producers 6.6 days suitable for fieldwork last week. Statewide, precipitation averaged 0.23 inches, 0.57 inches below normal for the week ending August 30. The average temperature was 66.5 degrees, 7.0 degrees below normal. Topsoil moisture supply was rated at 3 percent very short, 24 percent short, 67 percent adequate, and 6 percent surplus. Subsoil moisture supply was rated at 1 percent very short, 19 percent short, 73 percent adequate, and 7 percent surplus. Corn in the dough stage was at 95 percent. Corn dented reached 73 percent, a jump of 18 percentage points from last week. Corn mature reached 21 percent, 2 percentage points behind the 5-year average. Corn harvest was 1 percent complete, compared to 3 percent for the 5-year average. Corn condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 10 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 12 percent excellent. Soybeans setting pods was at 94 percent, an increase of 6 percentage points over last week. Soybean condition was rated 5 percent very poor, 12 percent poor, 30 percent fair, 43 percent good, and 10 percent excellent. Pasture and range condition was rated 2 percent very poor, 7 percent poor, 32 percent fair, 49 percent good, and 10 percent excellent.

Days Suitable for Fieldwork and Soil Moisture Supply: Week Ending August 30, 2015

District and State	Days Suitable for Fieldwork	Topsoil Moisture Supply				Subsoil Moisture Supply			
		Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus	Very Short	Short	Adequate	Surplus
		(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Northwest	5.9	4	25	61	10	3	17	69	11
Northeast	7.0	-	13	84	3	-	11	83	6
West	6.8	4	39	57	-	-	35	65	-
Central	6.6	3	27	67	3	-	15	82	3
East	6.8	1	20	76	3	1	17	78	4
West Southwest	6.7	3	20	76	1	1	22	76	1
East Southeast	6.9	6	37	50	7	4	27	61	8
Southwest	6.3	-	10	74	16	-	8	73	19
Southeast	6.7	3	15	69	13	3	14	66	17
Illinois	6.6	3	24	67	6	1	19	73	7

- Represents zero.

Crop Progress – Illinois

Item	Week ending			2010-2014 Average
	August 30, 2015	August 23, 2015	August 30, 2014	
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dough	95	91	96	97
Corn dented	73	55	69	73
Corn mature	21	3	4	23
Corn harvested	1	(NA)	(NA)	3
Soybeans setting pods	94	88	97	96
Soybeans turning color	11	(NA)	12	17
Sorghum headed	92	87	92	95
Sorghum turning color	73	57	72	65
Sorghum mature	5	(NA)	1	6
Alfalfa hay 3rd cutting	83	78	77	81

(NA) Not available.

Crop Condition – Illinois: Week Ending August 30, 2015

Crop	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn	5	10	30	43	12
Soybeans	5	12	30	43	10
Sorghum	2	7	47	37	7
Pasture	2	7	32	49	10

Crop Progress by District: Week Ending August 30, 2015

Item	NW	NE	W	C	E	WSW	ESE	SW	SE
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Corn dough	92	95	99	97	95	97	93	98	91
Corn dented	55	50	82	88	63	85	80	90	83
Corn mature	18	11	18	22	12	33	28	28	19
Corn harvested	-	-	-	1	-	3	-	2	-
Soybeans setting pods	94	99	97	92	97	98	91	88	90
Soybeans turning color	5	1	11	6	22	4	18	13	7

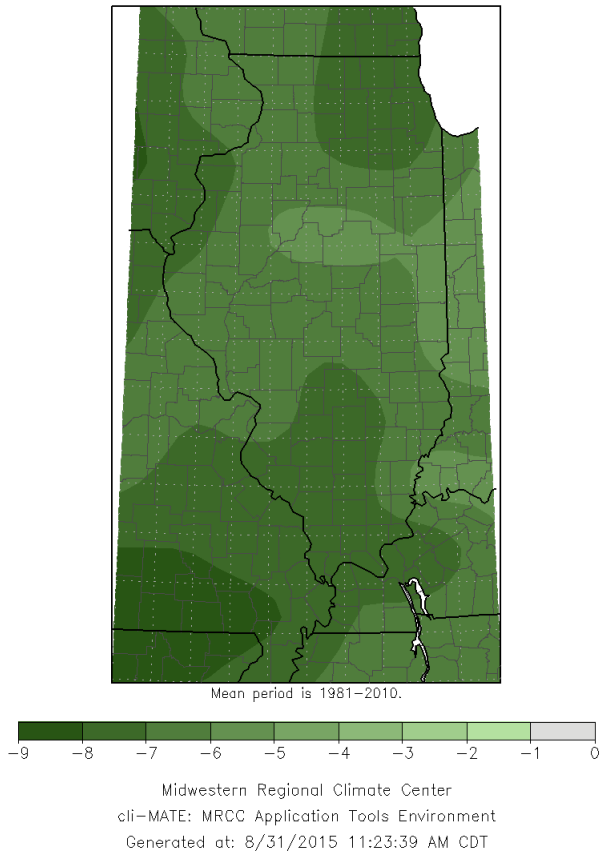
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Weather Information: Week Ending August 30, 2015

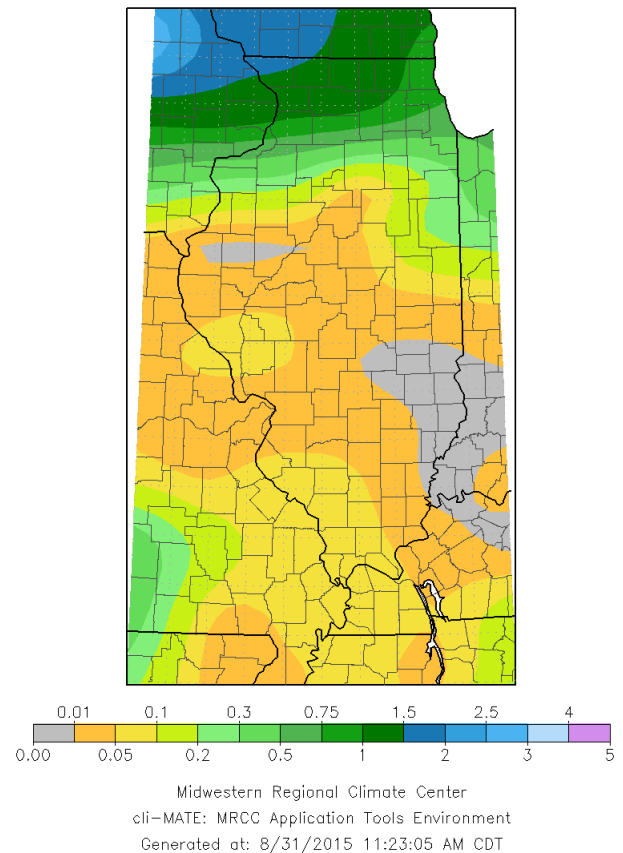
District and State	Temperature		Precipitation		Growing Degree Days	
	Average	Departure from Normal	Total	Departure from Normal	Since May 1	Departure from Normal
	(degrees - F)	(degrees - F)	(inches)	(inches)		
Northwest	64.0	-7.1	0.87	-0.11	2,231	-88
Northeast	63.7	-7.7	0.69	-0.23	2,220	-63
West	66.6	-7.1	0.03	-0.61	2,502	-33
Central	66.5	-6.4	0.04	-0.67	2,484	7
East	65.9	-6.5	0.15	-0.69	2,449	8
West Southwest	67.6	-6.9	0.05	-0.60	2,634	19
East Southeast	67.8	-6.7	0.01	-0.82	2,670	40
Southwest	68.0	-7.8	0.08	-0.70	2,820	102
Southeast	69.1	-6.9	0.03	-0.82	2,845	98
Illinois	66.5	-7.0	0.23	-0.57	2,526	6

Weather data provided by the Midwestern Regional Climate Center: <http://mrcc.isws.illinois.edu>

Average Temperature (°F): Departure from Mean
August 24, 2015 to August 30, 2015



Accumulated Precipitation (in)
August 24, 2015 to August 30, 2015



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